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WALTER WINCHELL

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: September 28, 1953

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)
September 27, 1953

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Winchell said:

General Partridge, Commanding Officer of Army Intelligence, has been called by the Senate Committee tomorrow (September 28, 1953). He has been asked to testify how the Reds got into the United States Army.

Comment:

The Bureau furnishes G-2 with the results of investigations concerning all security subjects who enter the Army.

Winchell said:

The Beria story which has been on the front pages for the past two weeks was finally debunked by Russia's Mr. Vishinsky at the United Nations. He told newspapermen "I refuse to deny or confirm such nonsense." No comment.

Winchell said:

The U. S. Senate Internal Security Committee will go after Communists in show business again starting next December. Certain Hollywood and Broadway people who got a very clean bath after staging some of their very best performances before that Committee will be the major targets.

Comment:

The Bureau has not received any requests for name checks from the Jenner Committee which would tie in with the above Winchell statement as yet.

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Winchell said:

The Senator Jenner Committee held two secret sessions this week. A very high Republican Party official will get a subpoena. He will be named as a member of a Communist cell.

Comment:

On the basis of name check requests received from the Jenner Committee this individual cannot be identified.

Winchell said:

Earl I don't say this his very close friends say it. Governor Warren has been notified that he is the new Chief Justice of the United States. I hope it is true.

Comment:

The Bureau has received no request to investigate Governor Warren in connection with this appointment.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*

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DATE: October 5, 1953

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FROM : A. H. Belmont *AHB*

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)
OCTOBER 4, 1953

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Winchell said:

William Remington, a former Government official will appeal a three-year sentence in the Circuit Court of Appeals, New York City, tomorrow. Elizabeth Bentley named him as part of a spy ring.

Comment:

You will recall that Remington was convicted on January 27, 1953, on two counts of a five-count indictment. He was sentenced on February 4, 1953, to serve three years on both counts, sentence to run concurrently. On April 15, 1953, he surrendered to the U. S. Marshal and has been incarcerated since that time. On September 23, last, the Assistant USA, SDNY, filed the Government's brief on Remington's appeal scheduled before the Circuit Court of Appeals, New York City, for October 5, instant.

Winchell said:

A mass picket line is to be staged by a pro-Red outfit which will protest the appointment of Governor James Byrnes to the U. S. Delegation at the UN on October 8.

Comment:

Bureau sources report that the New York Civil Rights Congress will sponsor a picket line at the United Nations from 4 to 7 p.m. on October 8, next, relative to the above appointment of Governor James Byrnes.

Winchell said:

Washington is still shaking its head over the pardon given to Pedro Campos, Chief of the Puerto Rican Communists. Two of his

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Re: Walter Winchell

agents tried to kill ex-President Truman. Campos, who was given 60 years in 1950, is out already.

Comment:

Pedro Albizu Campos, President of the Nationalist Party-- of Puerto Rico, received a pardon from the Governor of Puerto Rico on September 30, last, for reasons of bad health and advanced age. He was imprisoned for participating in the October, 1950, Nationalist uprising in Puerto Rico. You will recall that Oscar Colazzo, who was given a life term, and Grisellio Torresola (killed) were the two Puerto Rican Nationalists who attempted to kill ex-President Truman on November 1, 1950.

Winchell said:

Senator Joseph McCarthy's colleagues have no consideration for a man on his honeymoon. The Senator has been summoned back to preside at the exposure of another big spy ring.

Comment:

The Bureau has not received any requests for name checks nor has any information developed from conferences with members of the McCarthy Committee which would reflect any information on the above statement.

Winchell said:

The FBI, fearful of doing anything to interfere with the missing Kansas City boy, won't give out a description of him, not even to me. Here, however, is the kidnapped child's picture. He was wearing brown-buckled shoes, he is 6 years old, brown eyes, brown hair, 53 pounds, and a front tooth missing. The woman who kidnapped him is stockily built, dark reddish-tinted hair, 35-40, 135 pounds. If you know their whereabouts, call the nearest cop.

Comment:

It is to be noted that the Bureau is following the policy of no comment to the press until the safe return of the child is made.

Winchell said:

When Mr. Secretary of State Dulles flew to India recently and tried to win that Government away from the Russian orbit, he

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Memo to Ladd

Re: Walter Winchell

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probably didn't know this. The Press and Radio Attache at our Embassy at New Delhi, an American named Rand Lincoln, was not on his or our team. He wrote a letter to another American in a fat-paying job over here with the Voice of America. This letter says in part, "I saw a copy of the first draft of the Dulles' speech written in his own little hand which made my blood run cold. The most surly, defensive, superior, patronizing, rude, dull, trite, you can imagine." Finally this letter winds up with references to our great Republican President. The last four words about the President were in quotes, a direct insult to the President of the United States, I think. Mr. Lincoln's wife added a PS in her own hand as follows, "Down with the Republicans - burn this." Well, as you can see, somebody forgot to burn it. Here it is on the television cameras - nice people.

Comment:

The Bureau files fail to reflect anything of a derogatory nature identifiable with the name, Rand Lincoln.

Winchell said:

The police on the Arnold Schuster case are about convinced that Mazziotta, the fugitive suspect, is dead. Maybe yes, could be no. Schuster, Sr., however, whose son was slain, still has 24-hour protection.

Comment:

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There have been vague reports from sources that Mazziotta was probably done away with; no confirmation of these, however.

Winchell said:

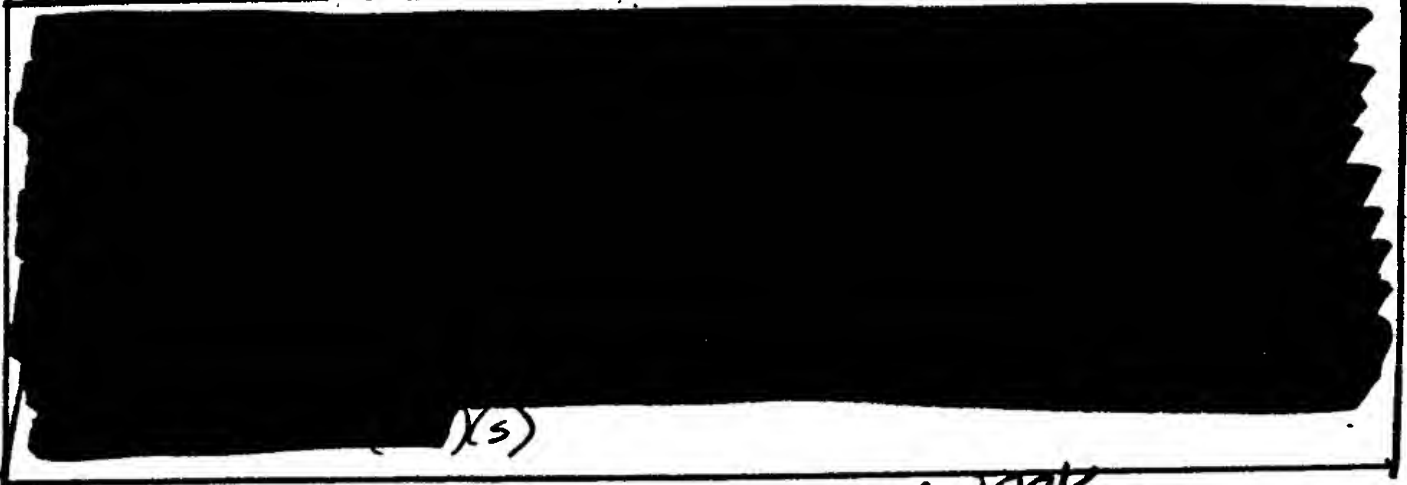
The most secret meeting in Washington today just broke up. State Department, heads of CIA, that's the Central Intelligence Agency, and agents for Senator McCarthy inspected brand new evidence consisting of information that Russia's Mr. Beria is still at large.

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NEW YORK, N.Y. 10017
MURRAY HILL

[Handwritten initials and signatures]

September 24, 1953

Dear John:

People on the paper who saw the proof of this column picked out this story and said how swell it was. The girls in my office were delighted with it. So I told them I got it from the FBI.

I think its about time we had an entire column devoted to the G-man. It ought to be a corker if you leave out the dull statistics. Statistics are only interesting to mathematicians.

What I am trying to say, John, is please rush up a column because it has been a long time since I had a day off.

With affection,

Walter
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Tales of The Town

Marilyn Monroe is 20th Century-Zanuck's No. 1 box-office attraction... She is currently on 17 magazine covers... Her pin-ups are No. 1 with American servicemen all over the world... The chap who persuaded her to pose for that nude (when she needed \$50) is now on Easy Street... The same bit of art is enriching several calendar mfrs and others who put her nude form on cigarette-lighters and other knick-knacks... If they all paid her a commission or royalty Miss Monroe would have a few bucks left after paying her bills and taxes... She gets \$700 per week as Girllywood's No. 1 money-maker... Less than one of Hollywood's headwaiters!

Joe Phillips, a vet of the vaudeville stage, holds the record around here for winning every horse-race on the same day... Won 8 straight races and The Daily Double!... Winning \$116 via \$2 wagers... Midtown gamblers are still shaking their heads... A real gambler could have retired for life pyramiding that kind of luck.

That reminds us of a gambler's luck at one of the Vegas casinos... He was interrupted by a pest (he knew slightly) who asked him to cash a \$50 check... He obliged just to get rid of him... About an hour later the dice went cold and he was out \$4,000... His entire lot... Remembering the \$50 check in his pocket he cashed it... That fifty started another "hct" roll... He won back the 4Gs and \$10,000 more... The pest's check is still bouncing.

One of Broadway's "Ace" racetrack handicappers (nearly everyone at the track asks him for his "figures") found out a long time ago that "You Can Beat A Race But Not The Races"... That's why he has a Sure-Thing on the side—to help pay the rent... At this time of the year he makes the rounds of his clients with a sample book under an arm... Taking orders for Christmas Cards!

Cops in a downtown station-house are unhappy over this one... A cop retired after giving 37 years as one of The Finest... He hoped to keep his gun as a memento... His application for a pistol permit, however, was rejected... Because 39 years ago (two years before he became a cop) he was arrested for neglecting to get pistol permit on a night-watchman's job.

Oh, Mr. Police Commissioner!

—Tune in WWABC Sunday Night at 9. Radio and Teevy—

FBI Agents were searching for a fugitive. One got into an apartment occupied by two women, suspected of harboring the lammister... The women were very drunk... "I know where he is," one said, "but I'm no stool pigeon!"

A baby (about a month old) started crying in the next room... The mother told the G-Man the infant needed a new diaper but she was in no condition to do it. "I might hurt him sticking him with the pin," she sighed.

Our Hero took the diaper from her, asked for a pin, changed the baby and then cradled it in his arms until it stopped crying.

The two women watched with amazement... Then, in appreciation, they gave the Agent the info that led to the fugitive.

"Tortilla Flat," the John Steinbeck novel, was published in 1935... Although he had three other books published it was "Tortilla Flat" which won Steinbeck renown as a distinguished writer... A movie firm (which never filmed it) paid the publisher \$4,000 for it... Steinbeck's share was \$3,600... A few years later the book com-

"Ooh, That Kiss!" and "Jeepers Creepers"... Larry Clinton made a boodle while watching a game at the Polo Grounds... Carl Hubbell was pitching and his screwball was working beautifully that matinee... Clinton heard a fan say of one pitch: "Wasn't that a dippy-do?"... Larry took his score-card and jotted down one of his great hits: "Dipsy-Doodle."

Gus Kahn, another Tin Pan Alley great, was taken to Chicago's College Inn by Rocco Vocco one long ago midnight... Rocco wanted Gus to hear Isham Jones play a new melody... "Please play it again the next set," said Gus... When Isham came off the podium, Gus showed him a lyric he had written for that tune—readied in the short time to play one set... "I'll See You In My Dreams."

During World War I the German Kaiser was the most hated figure in the land... Bob Kaiser, a songwriter, winced at the sound of his own name... He threw it away... The very first song he composed under his pen-name (Mary Earl) will probably be forever... "Beautiful Ohio."

—Tune in WWABC Sunday Night at 9. Radio and Teevy—

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Mr. Walter Winchell
New York Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Walter:

Thank you for your very kind letter of September 24, 1953, asking that I write a guest column.

I am enclosing a column entitled "With the FBI", which I hope will be satisfactory.

It was indeed a pleasure to be of service to you.

Sincerely,

John Edgar Hoover

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John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Every time a law enforcement officer makes an arrest
he places his life in jeopardy.

On September 25, 1959, Special Agents of the FBI attempted
to arrest John Elgin Johnson - bank robber, former inmate of
Alcatraz, wanted as a conditional release violator. Johnson was
located in a telephone booth in a Baltimore, Maryland, theatre.

He refused to submit to arrest and a gun battle developed.
One Special Agent, J. Brady Murphy, was mortally wounded, another
critically injured. The criminal was killed.

A few hours later Agent Murphy lay in a Baltimore
hospital fighting for life. He was in a coma.

Suddenly he regained consciousness. A brother Agent
was at his bedside. His eyes flickered and he whispered, "What
happened to the other fellow?"

"He's dead," came the hushed reply.

The dying Agent, hearing these words, muttered with
deep emotion, "May God have mercy on his soul." He relapsed into

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unconsciousness and death.

Today Agent Murphy's name is enshrined on the FBI's roll of service martyrs. He died that others might live. His religious faith was deep. Neither malice nor fear was in his soul. He was at peace with his God.

He is typical of the young men who are willing to die for what they think is right. All right-minded Americans should be thankful to Agent Murphy and all other law enforcement officers who die in line of duty. They gave their lives to protect you.

Thirteen Special Agents of the FBI have been killed as a result of criminal gunfire, eleven being killed by criminals who had been given previous probation, parole or clemency in the courts.

Last year sixty-three police officers gave their lives in order that society might be protected. Unfortunately, in making up annual budgets the city fathers too frequently forgot the hazards and conditions under which police must work. There are few groups so poorly paid in public service as American police officers and none are more deserving.

All kinds of clues. In a recent kidnaping the FBI received information concerning the whereabouts of a victim. He was reportedly being held in a farmhouse approximately two miles from a small New York town. A maroon car with Texas license

plates stood nearby. The location of the town was unknown to the informant, but she was absolutely sure of its name - it had been spelled out in leaghead in a dream! (Taken from teletype 10-1-53, from Cincinnati in Greenap case. Informant is ██████████)

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A Special Agent and two deputy sheriffs just before dark approached a Tennessee farmhouse to apprehend a fugitive. The men took their positions. Just then one of the deputies observed a bird dog frozen into position, pointing something in the high weeds. The Agents, taking this clue, flushed the weeds - and up popped the fugitive! (Investigator Material, happened near Gallatin, Tennessee, 8/53)

Law enforcement requires a deep human feeling. Special Agents were questioning a suspect. Suddenly his wife complained of being in pain. The Agents rushed the prisoner to jail, then returned to take the woman to the nearest hospital. Three hours later she was a mother. (Investigator, August, 1950) five-Deserter, 1950)

A fraudulent check was recently received in the FBI Laboratory for examination signed H. O. Good. It had been cashed! (Document Section)

A fugitive was badly wanted by the FBI. He was described as being dangerous, always carrying a stag-handled revolver in his belt. The search went on. The fugitive was located by two Agents. He was standing in a small clearing with a long knife in his hand. An Agent started talking to him. The fugitive listened. Quietly the Agent put his hand on the knife

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handle.

"Where's the stag-handled gun?" the Agent asked. The surprised fugitive, almost inadvertently answered, "Over in my house."

The gun was found: a toy revolver, whose cylinder revolved when the trigger was pulled! (Personal experience of SA [redacted] San Juan Office)

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FBI civil rights investigations have done much to promote respect for civil rights. During the years 1926-1938, a total of 194 lynchings occurred. However, from 1939-1953, there were only 39, with none in 1952. This testifies to greater respect for law, less mob action and greater emphasis on individual rights. (World Almanac, 1953 - Tuskegee Institute)

Many times the work of our Special Agents wins the commendation of prisoners. Here are excerpts from a letter written by the subject of an FBI investigation:

"I wish to take this opportunity on behalf of my family and I to thank you for the many courtesies extended to us during my recent case...

"I know that I made a mistake and that I must pay my Debt to Society.

"Somehow, Someday soon, and with God's help, I shall make up to them for all the Heartaches I have caused them...

"I have learned that whenever we stray too far from the Teachings of God that there is bound to be Heartaches and broken Homes...

"We fully realize that you accorded us treatment far beyond the limitations of your Duties as an agent of The Federal Bureau of Investigation..."

(Case of [REDACTED])

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: October 7, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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With reference to the Walter Winchell article and McGuire's conversation with Mullen on October 6th, I wish to advise that Mullen told McGuire this morning that after talking to the Director yesterday, he agreed that the article was entirely satisfactory, although personally Mullen observed that he does not personally like Winchell.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

October 14, 1953

From Walter Winchell

"To Mr. Hoover:

Here it is again."

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Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Gearty	✓
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *D*

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DATE: October 12, 1953

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *V*

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)
OCTOBER 11, 1953

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WINCHELL SAID:

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The U. S. Department of Immigration will round up all alien Commies. The first target will be the International Workers Order, the biggest Commie front in the entire nation.

COMMENT:

These observations undoubtedly refer to the Attorney General's Denaturalization and Deportation Program under which action against some of the International Workers Order (IWO) officials will possibly proceed. It is to be noted that the IWO was cited under Executive Order 10450. The Department is presently preparing a case for presentation before the Subversive Activities Control Board to determine whether this organization is required to register under the provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

WINCHELL SAID:

Robert ~~X~~ Murphy of the State Department will be the new Under Secretary of State.

COMMENT:

This information was referred to in the press last week. Mr. Murphy is a career diplomat and was the President's Political Advisor during the European Campaign in the last war. Mr. Murphy has held high diplomatic posts and is reportedly replacing Mr. H. Freeman Matthews, Under Secretary for Political Affairs.

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from Mr. A. H. Belmont

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WINCHELL SAID:

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Aaron Coleman, one of the top scientists involved in the radar spy ring, claims there must be some mistake. The Government, however, will soon remind him of his many visits to Young Communist League meetings, the guest of atomic spy Julius Rosenberg.

COMMENT:

The Bureau's investigation in this matter reflected that



WINCHELL SAID:

The terrible kidnap story at Kansas City this week agonized every family in the nation. The headlines in the papers keep calling the search for the third kidnapper the nation's greatest man hunt, when, of course, what they should call it is a hunt for a beast. The indictment will read that the accused animals committed the crime and the murder of the child against the peace and dignity of the people of this earth. But the fact is that these terrible things brutally slaughtered the soul of an entire family. The two kidnappers now behind bars have shown no remorse --- merely anger and fear. Their only concern is the fury of the people. They asked their lawyer the other day, "What is the emotional situation in Kansas City and Saint Joe?" The newspapers in every city in the nation answered that one on the editorial pages. The people of the 48 states will settle for nothing less than the extreme penalty - the gas chamber. Still at large is Thomas J. Marsh, a parole convict, released only a year ago for molesting children. The State of Missouri, now investigating that parole, will never appease the people for releasing a degenerate with a record so terrible it cannot be published in a respectable newspaper. The tragedy of the law is that a death sentence can only punish, it cannot repay.

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Memo to Mr. D. M. Ladd
from Mr. A. H. Belmont

The people of Missouri owe it to themselves and to the rest of the nation to expedite this trial. For Mr. and Mrs. Greenlease there are no words, except perhaps the avenue (?) all of us feel for them.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

The American Women for Peace sounds great, doesn't it? Well, a Congressional Committee recently cited it as subversive. They just closed up shop in New York, this group. They are now operating from 116 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois.

COMMENT:

A formal announcement on September 21, 1953, by Dorothy Hayes, Secretary of the Chicago affiliate of the American Women for Peace, announced that the New York office was now closed and that the national organization would be directed from the above Chicago address. This information was furnished to the Department by memorandum dated October 5, 1953. This organization is presently being considered by the Department as a subversive organization pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

WINCHELL SAID:

Last week I disclosed that the Press and Radio Attache, an American, at our Embassy at New Delhi, India, had written a letter to a friend in New York in which Mr. Dulles and the President of the United States were denounced. A postscript written by the man's wife concluded "Down with the Republicans - burn this." Very peculiar loyalty, I said, coming from Americans working in a country we are trying to win away from Russia. Anyway, that letter appeared over these television cameras last Sunday night. Mr. Rand Lincoln, the sender of that letter, has been fired ~~miss~~ U.S.

COMMENT:

Winchell referred to this matter in his Simulcast of October 4, 1953. The Bureau files failed to reflect anything of a derogatory nature identifiable with the name Rand Lincoln.

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Memo to Mr. D. M. Ladd
from Mr. A. H. Belmont

WINCHELL SAID:

The Jefferson School on 16th Street and Sixth Avenue, New York City, will be hauled before the Department of Justice next month. Federal men will charge that it is the Communist training school for treason.

COMMENT:

The Jefferson School for Social Science is one of twelve organizations against which the Attorney General has filed a petition before the Subversive Activities Control Board to determine whether it is required to register under the Internal Security Act of 1950. It is understood that the Jefferson School is scheduled to be the first organization under consideration by the above Board, which hearing is scheduled for the first part of November, 1953.

WINCHELL SAID:

Milan, Michigan - Frank Costello gets out of Federal prison on the 29th. He is suffering from a circulatory illness. He plans complete retirement and seclusion.

COMMENT:

You will recall that Costello began an 18-month sentence at Milan, Michigan, Federal Penitentiary on August 15, 1952, as a result of the Government's action against him for contempt of Congress. Accordingly, it is possible that he will be released from the above sentence in the immediate future.

WINCHELL SAID:

The Senate Investigating Committee will appeal to the Federal Courts tomorrow for permission to bring David Greenglass, the atomic spy, to testify in the probe of the radar spies. *in Brown & Calley*

COMMENT:

There has been no information of an appeal to the Federal Courts in this matter. Greenglass, as a Federal

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Memo to Mr. M. Ladd
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prisoner, is under the custody of the Attorney General. As you are aware, Roy Cohn, Legal Counsel of the above Committee, appealed to Deputy Attorney General Rogers last week for permission to interview Greenglass and Gold. At the request of the Attorney General, the request to interview these prisoners was formalized by Senator Charles Edward Potter of the above Committee.

WINCHELL SAID:

Attention "San Diego Union." The man named Gallo, who has been giving out nearly all the stuff on the so-called escape of Russia's Beria, is in great trouble. Spanish Secret Police have taken him into custody. Your reporter, Tucson (spelled out), I believe, now in Spain, may also be held on charges of failing to cooperate.

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WINCHELL SAID:

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The most powerful ~~radio~~ in the world, the most powerful at least in Central and South America, they tell me, has just been opened by the Guatemala Reds. All parts are made in the USA. All the programs made in the USSR.

COMMENT:

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WINCHELL SAID:

One of Governor Dewey's most recent appointments will make his face very red soon. The Jenner Committee will charge her with having been a Communist.

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COMMENT:

The Bureau has not received any request for name checks from the Jenner Committee which would tie in with the above Winchell statement, as yet.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: October 19, 1953

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (Radio-Television)
October 18, 1953

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Winchell said:

The FBI may spring another sensation on the Kansas City kidnap case. The two St. Louis policemen who captured the kidnapers are being grilled right now, especially on the way they handled the suitcases containing the \$300,000 ransom money.

Comment:

You will recall that the Bureau has interrogated and is presently investigating [redacted] and [redacted] of the St. Louis Police Department in this regard.

Winchell said:

The State Department isn't big enough to hold both John Foster Dulles and Walter Bedell Smith. The odds they say are on Dulles.

Comment:

State Department liaison has advised that rumors exist around the State Department that friction has occurred between Messrs. Dulles and Smith. [redacted]

Winchell said:

The biggest political story of the week is a challenge by Democrat Wagner, candidate for Mayor (NYC), to Republican Governor Dewey. Wagner alleges that a big national figure interceded for convicted labor leader Joey Fay now in prison. Mr. Wagner demands that Governor Dewey tell the people that man's name. It is wide belief that the man's name is U. S. Attorney General Brownell. If [redacted]

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this is true, legal experts tell me there is nothing wrong with Mr. Brownell interceding for the jailed labor leader because at that time Mr. Brownell was apparently speaking for a client. Brownell was then Chief Counsel for a big hotel association in the east.

Comment:

Although it is possible for the Attorney General to have contacted Fay as above indicated prior to his appointment as Attorney General, there is no information to reflect that he did so. You will recall that the Bureau did investigate Richard Gray under the Atomic Energy program. In this connection it is reported that Gray was considered by the Administration to fill the recently vacated post as Secretary of Labor; however, because there are at present two New Yorkers in the Cabinet (Messrs. Brownell and Dulles) further consideration of Gray was reportedly discontinued. Gray is an American Federation of Labor leader in New York and is reported to have interceded in behalf of Fay for his parole.

Winchell said:

On Friday, last, the U. S. Senate Investigating Committee urged the newspapers not to reveal the name of a radar spy suspect who promised to tell the Committee everything. Yesterday, however, they had to cite him for contempt for clamming up. His name is Carl Greenblum, former roommate of atomic spy Julius Rosenberg.

Comment:

Last week the newspapers, without identifying the individual, stated that a Fort Monmouth scientist, while testifying before the McCarthy Committee, did break down and ask for a closed hearing. This individual is known to be Carl Greenblum.

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With regard to the above reference to a "contempt citation," [redacted] the above Committee, volunteered to the New York Office that on October 17, last, [redacted] claimed privilege under the 5th Amendment to all questions; further, that the Committee will cite [redacted] for contempt inasmuch as in his prior appearance, [redacted] had answered certain questions, declined on others, and, therefore, [redacted] opinion his testimony on October 17, last, made him liable for contempt proceedings. [redacted] was formerly employed by the U. S. Army Signal Corps.

Winchell said:

The headlines all week confirm another Walter Winchell first. The radar spy ring at Fort Monmouth - this is the ring, ladies

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and gentlemen, organized by Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. This is confirmation of my June 28 broadcast. It proves that the radar spies were operating even while the Rosenbergs were screaming their innocence in the death house at Sing Sing. It explains why the Rosenbergs never talked and why their children came second and Moscow first. Ladies and gentlemen, the Rosenbergs were not condemned Americans; they were Russia's top intelligence agents in the United States. They could not have confessed without admitting the murderous radar crime in progress at the time at the army base at Fort Monmouth. A reporter is an American before he is a newspaperman. The exclusive of last June 28 is one I wish I never had to tell you but it had to be told, if only to convince some very stupid enemies of mine who keep lulling you into inaction. On June 28 I said it this way, what will shock and stun you is this story never before published. We Americans invented the deadliest and most accurate anti-aircraft weapon, radar control - radar control, for the location of the shooting down of any attacking enemy planes. The Rosenbergs, I said over these microphones on June 28, have stolen that secret for Russia. That is why so many of our fighter planes, probably your son's, have been lost in Korea. The next day for saying that, I was called a warmonger. When I warned our cities were open to counterattack some of my own editors from coast to coast confused their readers by saying on the editorial pages, "Pay no attention to Winchell, he is commercializing on hysteria." Pay no attention, but the President, Senate committee, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff made it official. The most irritating experience, I think, was having some civic organizations call me bloodthirsty cause I called the editors by their right name. I am sorry, ladies and gentlemen, but I have to report the grim news and I will never apologize for telling you the truth.

Comment:

None.

Winchell said:

Senator McCarthy and Army Secretary Stevens are to inspect the radar labs at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, on Tuesday, next. Another sensation is expected to follow.

Comment:

G-2 has advised that a Colonel Johnson, G-2, First Army (NY) is to accompany General Sebree, Deputy Commanding General, First Army, to Fort Monmouth to meet Mr. Stevens. G-2 had no information of Senator McCarthy's being present with Mr. Stevens at this meeting. (S-1)(u)

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Re: Walter Winchell

Winchell said:

Top U. S. Treasury officials of the Truman Administration have been subpoenaed to appear before U. S. Senator Mundt next Tuesday morning regarding money plates given to Russia.

Comment:

It has been ascertained that the following two individuals have been requested to appear before the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, of which Senator Karl E. Mundt is a member; Daniel W. Bell, former Under Secretary, Treasury, now President, American Security and Trust Company, Washington, D. C., and Mr. Ansel Lurford, former Assistant General Counsel, Treasury, now a member of the law firm of Pehle, Lesser, Mann, Riemer, and Lurford, Washington, D. C. With regard to the money plates, considerable publicity has appeared in the past. A separate Bureau memorandum is being prepared to determine if any Bureau interest exists in this matter.

Winchell said:

The Department of Justice will shortly astonish the American people with Government charges against one of America's best-known Washington commentators.

Comment:

It is possible that Mr. Winchell is referring to Drew Pearson. You will recall that the Bureau has conducted numerous investigations on Pearson at the request of the Department. Also, it is known that the Department has been considering action against Pearson; however, no official confirmation of such action has come to the Bureau's attention.

Winchell said:

The U. S. Senate Investigating Committee has served subpoenas on three top radar scientists. They will be heard in closed session in New York next Thursday morning.

Comment:

You will recall that the Bureau is in receipt of a goodly number of individuals in whom the McCarthy Committee is interested. The dates of their appearance before the Committee in the past have been known; however, at this time there is no information reflecting the present schedule of that Committee for the latter part of this week.

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Winchell said:

Eleanor

~~Mrs. Roosevelt~~ is against capital punishment for the
kidnappers. The rest of us would rather have the opinion of
Mrs. Greenlease.

Comment:

None.

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)
September 20, 1953

DATE: September 21, 1953

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Winchell said:

The McCarthy Committee will subpoena Corliss Lamont.

Comment:

Corliss Lamont is the son of Thomas W. Lamont, former business partner of J. P. Morgan.

He is a writer and lecturer and is on the teaching staff of Columbia University.

Winchell said:

A Senate Investigating Committee will expose a New York City Clergyman as a Communist. His name is Bick.

Comment:

Abraham J. Bick, a Rabbi, Lecturer, Writer and Teacher of New York City who is self-employed. He was born in Russia in 1914.

Winchell said:

The Jenner Committee on Wednesday next (September 23, 1953) will expose a Communist spy ring. It will involve leading citizens in Connecticut.

Comment:

Winchell made a similar reference to this in his broadcast of September 6, 1953. Summaries are being prepared for the Jenner

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[redacted] He was investigated in connection with the Silvermaster case by the Bureau and no substantiating information was developed.

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[redacted] who was reported to be a CPA member in 1945 and was later active in the Progressive Party of Connecticut, was the wife of [redacted]. A security index card on [redacted] was cancelled in July, 1949. Her husband, [redacted] now deceased, was employed by [redacted]. He was the subject of a security investigation by the Bureau which began in 1945 and was active in the Wallace for President Committee in Connecticut. He died in [redacted].

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[redacted] who has never been the subject of a Bureau investigation, was reported to have been a contributor to Communist Party front organizations. She is known to have been an associate of [redacted].

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[redacted] subject of a security investigation by the Bureau beginning in 1941, is on the security index. She is [redacted] of [redacted] a long-time national CP functionary. She has been reported as an associate of [redacted]. Summaries concerning the above are being furnished to the Jenner Committee as they are completed and the first was forwarded on September 18, 1953.

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The Bureau has been advised that [redacted] is the Jenner Committee witness in this matter. She has been reported to be highly nervous, neurotic, eccentric and unpredictable. [redacted]

Winchell said:

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(4) Balkan Intelligence says that Beria is very dead. Allied Intelligence says that he is in a cozy Siberian dungeon. Later in the broadcast Winchell warned against dismissing the Beria story lightly recalling that Rudolph Hess did escape from the Nazi regime to England during World War II.

Comment:

Vice President Nixon referred [redacted] a self-styled Nicaraguan expatriate and [redacted] to the Bureau for interview on July 28, 1953. [redacted] claimed to be in touch in Los Angeles with two Spanish Communists, one of whom was alleged to be [redacted]

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This information was furnished to the State Department by the Bureau on September 18, 1953. [redacted]

Winchell said:

(5) The word is that the Supreme Court' appointment will be nonpolitical. The President is said to be looking for an experienced member of the Federal bench. How about the man who took all those insults from the eleven Communists in the United States Courthouse in New York?

Comment:

N.Y.

Winchell was referring to ~~presiding~~ Judge Harold R. Medina, presiding judge at the trial of the National Board members of the Communist Party.

Winchell said:

(6) Senator McCarthy will next go after Communist lawyers.

Comment:

On August 27, 1953, the ~~National Lawyers Guild~~ was notified by the Attorney General that it was being considered for inclusion among organizations which come within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

Winchell said:

The Senate Internal Security Committee will expose the location of a printing press for the Red underground tomorrow (September 21, 1953), reportedly in a house on White Plains Road in the Bronx, New York, concealed as a dress factory. The Committee will charge that the factory is owned by an alleged Communist. His name they say is Frank Shore.

Comment:



An advance copy of the Jenner Committee report captioned "Communist Underground Facilities and Illegal Propaganda" was received by the Bureau and has been reviewed and a memorandum was prepared September 14, 1953.

Morning newspapers of September 21, 1953, carried the report released by the Jenner Committee.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: Oct. 26, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

Walter Winchell

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- Sizoo
- Gandy

Jack Carley called. Lyle Stewart, Editor of Expose Magazine, has now written a book entitled, "The Secret Life of Walter Winchell," which is being published by Seven Sirens Press, Inc., 110 LaFayette Street, New York. The book is to be released on October 26th. Carley stated that the book really tears Winchell apart and on pages 70 and 71 it refers to the Director; that Winchell met the Director during the Hauptman case; that a friendship developed; that on one occasion Winchell was in Chicago and was being guarded by individuals connected with the Fischetti gang and was also being guarded by FBI Agents. At another point in the book, Stewart refers to the Director as having stated that Winchell has no pipeline into the Bureau and then Stewart states that the Director's friendship with Winchell has caused the Director embarrassment. He then cites an incident which allegedly occurred at the Stork Club wherein Tony Reilly, a notorious gunman, was present; that somebody wanted to take a picture of the Director and Reilly and Winchell did not open his mouth but Reilly got scared and left.

I told Carley that this was originally published in the New York Post and the Director knew nothing about such an incident. Carley stated that Stewart really wrapped Winchell up in a devastating manner and that there will probably be repercussions somewhere along the line in the book.

cc: Mr. Jones

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: October 26, 1953

FROM : A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
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Winchell said:

The Senate Investigating Committee will begin hearings soon in which a former Red intelligence chief will be the principal witness.

Comment:



Winchell said:

There are strong efforts being made to release Machine Gun Kelly and his wife - the Urschell kidnapers. The Board of Parole will confirm this fact.

Comment:

You will recall that Kelly and his wife are eligible for parole on the kidnaping charges in the Charles F. Urschell kidnaping case. However, the State of Oklahoma has a detainer lodged against Kelly at the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, on robbery charges. This charge is the result of robbing Mr. Urschell of \$35 in cash at the time of the kidnaping. Kelly has petitioned for a hearing on this charge and the court appointed an attorney to represent him. The warden at the Leavenworth Penitentiary has been instructed to release Kelly to the U. S. Marshal on the presentation of proper removal papers to be issued by the County Attorney of the State Court at Oklahoma City. Due to the recent resignation of the Assistant County Attorney, Oklahoma City, this hearing has been

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postponed. Confidential sources at Leavenworth Penitentiary have advised that Kelly has been quite concerned over his chances in the Oklahoma City robbery charge in view of the public sentiment built up over the recent Greenlease kidnapping case. You will recall that Kelly's wife has appealed for a parole on numerous occasions from her present incarceration at the Women's Federal Reformatory, Alderson, West Virginia.

Winchell said:

The White House is reviewing the list of names of officials who visited Joey Fay at Sing Sing Prison. This list does not include Attorney General Brownell or ~~Benny~~ WARREN.

Comment:

You will recall that during the week various allegations were made that Attorney General Brownell, now Chief Justice Warren, and a Mr. Hagerty interceded for Fay while at Sing Sing. Initial observations were that the Hagerty mentioned was the President's Press Secretary; however, this Hagerty was later alleged to be Cornelius J. Hagerty, a west coast labor leader. During the past week Governor Dewey's Administrative Assistant volunteered to Bureau representatives that neither Mr. Brownell nor Mr. Warren had written any letters to Governor Dewey concerning Fay. It was, however, reported this past week by a former Assistant U. S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York that the national figure who is alleged to have interceded in the Fay case is Senator Styles Bridges. This information is presently being checked by the New York Office.

Winchell said:

Attention Detroit police - the Washington Investigating Committee will soon begin hearings in your city. It will look into the Commie activities of one policeman and about a dozen other individuals.

Comment:

Recent publicity reflects that the House Committee on Un-American Activities is making every effort to begin hearings in Detroit during the latter part of October. The policeman referred to above is probably one [REDACTED] who was a former member of the Communist Party and a member of the State Communist Central Committee. The Bureau has interviewed [REDACTED] in the past.

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Winchell said:

The House Committee for Un-American Activities will begin hearings in Los Angeles. They will direct their efforts into the Hollywood small fry.

Comment:

The House Committee on Un-American Activities is scheduling hearings in San Francisco rather than Los Angeles. One group of individuals has been subpoenaed for December 1, next, while another group has been scheduled for December 15, next. The hearings will concentrate on individuals in the San Francisco area; however, they will possibly include individuals from the Hollywood section who were missed in previous hearings by the Committee. The Bureau knows the identities of the individuals to be subpoenaed and up-to-date reports are being submitted by the Field on these individuals.

Winchell said:

Robert Thompson, one of the convicted Communist leaders, is reported near death as a result of the lead pipe beating he received in the Federal jail, New York City, this week. G-Men will not discuss the incident.

Comment:

You will recall that the Bureau is actively conducting an investigation into this matter as a crime on a Government Reservation - Assault. Also, Thompson is in a very critical condition as a result of this beating.

Winchell said:

The Fort Monmouth investigation will reveal the names of top scientists who have vouched for the individuals involved in the D.C. hearings. Some of the scientists are identified as J. Robert Oppenheimer and Quincy Howe.

Comment:

The Bureau's investigation reflects that hundreds of individual have given J. Robert Oppenheimer's name as a reference in applications for various positions. This is probably due to Oppenheimer's reputation as a foremost scientist. However, a review of the testimony of the

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Fort Monmouth hearings to date has failed to reflect the names of either Oppenheimer or Home. It is believed that the Quincy Home mentioned above is possibly the commentator and news analyst rather than a scientist.

Winchell said:

The McCarthy Committee announces 20 suspensions from the Fort Monmouth radar installation. Actually, there are more nearly 40.

Comments:

G-2 advises that to date there have been ²⁸ 30 suspensions at Fort Monmouth, with procedures presently under way to suspend one more individual still employed. It was also reported that additional suspensions will probably be forthcoming pending further review of cases

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TO : Direct , FBI
FROM : SAC, New York
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WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
10/11/53

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DATE: 10/28/53

Attention: Inspector Joseph Sizoo

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Retelcall from Inspector Sizoo on 9/30/53 inquiring as to whether this office had any idea as to the identity of the individual involved in WALTER WINCHELL'S broadcast of 10/11/53 when he stated, "One of Governor DEWEY'S most recent appointments will make his face red. She will be charged by the Jenner Committee as being a Red". On 10/11/53 ASAC A. J. Marchessault advised Sizoo that this office had no idea as to the identity of the individual.

The following information is being brought to the attention of the Bureau as a possibility.

On 9/29/53 a representative of [redacted] requested a check of the files of this office on [redacted]. This representative of [redacted] advised at that time [redacted] was being considered for the position of [redacted] on the newly formed State Commission which would investigate New York courts. [redacted] the [redacted] representative, supplied the following descriptive information on this individual:

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[redacted] further advised that [redacted] in her application stated that she was a member of the [redacted]

Pursuant to Bureau approval, on 10/2/53 [redacted] was advised that this office had no investigative case file on [redacted] and that we did not have any information which was identifiable with her.

The files of this office contain the following information on individuals with the name of [redacted] although there is no way to determine whether they are identical with [redacted] in question.

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According to an informant, the name of [redacted] was listed as a member of [redacted] NY file [redacted] residence was listed in the hotel register as [redacted] according to the informant, NY file [redacted]

There is a reference to her in the files of this office

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showing that the name of [REDACTED] appears in material in connection with the Lawyers Guild, NY file [REDACTED]

The above information is submitted to the Bureau as a follow-up of the inquiry by Inspector Sizoo.

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)
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DATE: November 2, 1953

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Winchell said:

Senate investigators are now flying to Miami to bring back a surprise witness who will name one of Julius Rosenberg's most trusted comrades. This man is a top scientist now at Fort Monmouth, the Army base, New Jersey.

Comment:

Fort Monmouth, N.J. FLA N.Y. N.S.

Although Winchell did not name the individuals, the surprise witness is believed to be [REDACTED]

The "trusted comrade" of Rosenberg is believed to be [REDACTED] N.S. N.Y.

Winchell said:

Honolulu - Louis mo. Hawaii Police Lieutenant Shoulders of St. Louis who flew to Hawaii to get away from the Greenlease kidnap case says he wants to be alone. The FBI however has other plans.

Comment:

[REDACTED] Hawaii

Winchell said:

Stockholm - LAVENTRI BERIA U.S.S.R. top allied intelligence now knows without qualification that Beria is a condemned prisoner at Moscow. The facts of Beria's confinement are new and unimpeachable.

Comment:

None.

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Winchell said:

United States Immigration has borrowed the New York Police Department's top lady detective. Her name is Stephanie Horvath. She will name over 300 reds. Most of them will be up for deportation.

Comment:

N.Y.



Winchell said:

Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. The United States Senate Committee now investigating espionage at this base has been attacked for holding its hearings behind closed doors. The critics, however, have never told you the reason for these very private sessions. A Congressional Committee, ladies and gentlemen, has the legal power to get evidence in privacy that it cannot get in public hearings. At public hearings witnesses have the power to withhold evidence hiding behind the well-known 5th Amendment.

Comment:

It is not believed that the right of immunity within the purview of the 5th Amendment differs whether the testimony is sought in public or secret sessions.

Winchell said:

Attention New York Law Journal. ^{N.Y.} Whatever became of the ^{C.P.} New York Bar Association's pledge to the people of the United States to investigate Emanuel Bloch, the lawyer for the atomic spies, the Rosenbergs. Bloch called the President and John Edgar Hoover murderers. He also insulted the rest of us by saying that he was ashamed of being an American the night the

Rosenbergs deservedly went to the chair. Now if a soldier or sailor or marine made such a statement he would be court martialed or dishonorably discharged. Why is lawyer Bloch allowed to get away with it? Believe me, he won't!

Comment:

The "New York Times" ^{N.Y.} ~~issue~~ ^{C.P.} of June 22, 1953, carries quotations of Emanuel Hirsch Bloch ~~in which~~ in which Bloch attacked the President, the Attorney General and the Director for the "murder" of the Rosenbergs. The FBI has, consistent with its work, cooperated with Frank Gordon, Chief Attorney of the New York City Bar Association, in furnishing specific information to assist in the current efforts of that Association to cause Bloch's disbarment.

Winchell said:

The next very big story out of the ~~Aberdeen~~ Aberdeen Proving Grounds will be another great shock. Several WAC's with excellent records and citations will be exposed as traitors. One is a WAC Sergeant of New York City. Aberdeen, Md.

Comment:

No such case involving WAC's at Aberdeen Proving Grounds has previously come to the Bureau's attention. However, immediate inquiry is being made of G-2 for further details in connection with Winchell's allegations.

Winchell said:

Las Vegas. Larry Adler, in many a hot spot because of his alleged red front record, was cancelled out of three weeks' booking by the Hotel Trans (phonetic), Las Vegas.

Comment:

This undoubtedly refers to Larry Adler, ^{NEV.} the harmonica virtuoso whose full name is Lawrence Cecil Adler ~~_____~~

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NEW YORK 17, N.Y.
MURRAY HILL

October 22, 1953

Walter Winchell

Dear John:

Thanks for sending me your article. I would like
some anecdotes on things I never knew till now items.
Such as the no good check which was cashed. Can your
Researchers dig such a column for me?

Good wishes,

Walter
Walter Winchell

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TO: Mr. Tolson
FROM: L. E. Nichols
SUBJECT:

Date; October 29, 1953.

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In response to the Director's inquiry as to who is sponsoring "Treasury Men in Action" now, I wish to advise that this program is now being sponsored by the Borden Company (dairy products) and is televised by the National Broadcasting Company on Thursday night from 8:30 to 9:00 p.m. It has a relative rating of 41 in popularity for television programs and reaches 6,607,000 homes weekly, compared with "Dragnet," which has the top rating in television programs and reaches 12,966,000 homes weekly.

For your information, "Treasury Men in Action" is put on live from New York and costs approximately \$14,000 a week to produce.

Purely as a matter of interest, I noted in looking over the latest ratings that Walter Winchell rates 111 in relative rating and only reaches 1,910,000 homes weekly.

cc: Mr. Jones

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: November 9, 1953

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)
November 8, 1953

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Winchell said:

Evansville, Indiana. The FBI has moved into the Stammer kidnapping because there is evidence state lines have been crossed. G-Man Edgar Hoover is out there leading the pack.

Comment:

Richard Lee Stammer, age 5 months, was taken by baby sitter [redacted] from his parents' residence in Evansville, Indiana, November 7, 1953. Both subject and victim were located by Bureau Agents during the night of November 8 - 9, 1953, at Bokchito, Oklahoma.

Winchell said:

Schenectady, New York. U. S. Senate Security Committee Agents will make a tour of the General Electric plant here next Tuesday passing out subpoenas.

Comment:

Local 301, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE), is located at Schenectady. The Bureau has obtained over the years voluminous information regarding Communist infiltration of this local and the Communist affiliations of its President, Leo Jandreau.

Winchell said:

Baltimore, Maryland. Whittaker Chambers, the Government's star witness against Alger Hiss, was hit by a second stroke. He is not in immediate danger.

Comment:

None.

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Winchell said:

St. Louis. The G-men have five definite suspects covered in the missing Greenlease ransom money. The kidnapers may plead insanity to beat the gas chamber.

Comment:

The kidnaping subjects have entered pleas of guilty preliminary to the opening of the trial scheduled for November 16, 1953. No indication of insanity pleas has been received.

Intensive investigation is being conducted to locate the missing ransom money, and numerous suspects have been developed, including [redacted] and, of course, [redacted]. The list of suspects has not been narrowed to five persons.

Winchell said:

The Washington ticker - The U. S. Senate Committee hearings on the radar spies at Fort Monmouth have been postponed because of the sudden draft call of McCarthy investigator David Schine. Insiders suspect that some one in the Army wanted to get even.

Comment:

Schine has been the recipient of numerous draft deferments in the past.

Winchell said:

The Senate Investigating Committee probe will concern a Hollywood top producer. He will be subpoenaed by Congressman Velde's Committee. The hearings will start soon in Los Angeles. The same Committee will probe the television industry in San Francisco.

Comment:

Winchell may have been referring to the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings scheduled for San Francisco. One group of individuals has been subpoenaed for December 1, next, another for December 15. The hearings will concentrate on persons in the San Francisco area; however, they will possibly include individuals from the Hollywood section who were missing in previous hearings by the Committee. The Bureau knows the identities of the individuals to be subpoenaed and up-to-date reports are being submitted by the field on these individuals.

Winchell said:

The Department of Justice is reviewing all moving pictures taken of every May Day parade over here. Another coast-to-coast roundup of Communists will follow.

Comment:

On Wednesday November 4, 1953, Department Attorney Heflin reviewed still photographs of May Day speakers' stands in possession of the New York Office. This is preparatory to proceeding against the United May Day Committee before the Subversive Activities Control Board to cause the Committee to be required to register as a Communist front.

Winchell said: /

New York Journal-American. Robert ^{N 4} Thompson, the Communist leader, is recovering quickly from a lead pipe slugging in the prison. He goes to trial in about two weeks.

Comment:

Thompson is known to be recovering; however, no date has been set for his trial on contempt of court charges pending Thompson's full recovery.


Winchell said:

Washington. Senator McCarthy's statement yesterday that red spy Harry Dexter White's protege is still working for the United States Government did not mention the man's name. His name is William Henry Taylor, the assistant director of the \$8,000,000 International Monetary Fund.

Comment:

Taylor, formerly employed by the Treasury Department under White, is now employed, as stated, by the International Monetary Fund which is an international organization affiliated with the United Nations.

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Winchell said:

Washington, D. C. The controversy over Harry Dexter White, the top red spy in the Truman administration, will embarrass the former President and his military aide, Harry Vaughn. Both have issued vigorous denials and contradictions. One day Truman declared White wasn't fired, he resigned. He was a good man. The next day the ex-President announced they never could prove he was a spy. General Vaughn yesterday told the newspapers, "I have no recollection of any such FBI report. I have no recollection of any such person as White. Never heard of him." This is a lot of malarkey. Well, General Vaughn and his former Commander-in-Chief are going to get the proof on every front page in the nation. Vaughn did know about such a person. The FBI put the proof in Vaughn's hands for the President at the White House. This will be made public by the U. S. Attorney General tomorrow.

Comment:

Full details concerning the dissemination of information by the FBI to General Vaughn at the White House regarding Harry Dexter White and William Henry Taylor were included in a memorandum prepared for the Director on this date. Newspapers have carried stories regarding the Attorney General's intention to reveal the facts of this matter to the public.

Winchell said:

The Senate Investigating Committee now en route to New York with subpoenas for two of Rosenbergs' closest pals will discover they have disappeared. Their initials M.F. and J.W.

Comment:

Winchell is probably referring to [redacted] and [redacted] whom investigation has indicated were connected with [redacted] a member of the Rosenberg group. A technical surveillance on [redacted] revealed that he was in his apartment this morning. The New York Office has advised that [redacted] whereabouts were known as recently as last Friday (November 6, 1953). Both have been interviewed by the Bureau, neither being cooperative.

Winchell said:

New York City. City College of New York will get another shock any day. A full professor on the faculty suddenly quit after getting a Government subpoena. His initials are J.B.

Comment:

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Winchell probably was referring to [redacted] who submitted his resignation to the College last Friday, November 6, 1953. He testified before the Jenner Committee in February, 1953.

Winchell said:

Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph. Thirty two witnesses have been called by the Senate Security Committee (Jenner Committee) for hearings in and around Pittsburgh starting tomorrow.

Comment:

The Jenner Committee postponed hearings in Pittsburgh regarding Communist infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America to avoid prejudicing the Smith Act trials in that city. The trial was completed August 20, 1953. The Pittsburgh Office has informed that the hearings have been re-scheduled and that it will follow their progress.

Winchell said:

Washington Post. The Attorney General's disclosure that the late Harry Dexter White was a top red spy while in our Government was a Winchell tip seven years ago.

Comment:

None.

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

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DATE: November 16, 1953

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FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)
November 15, 1953

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Winchell said:

The most hunted fugitive in the nation, the kidnapper-seducer of a 13 year old girl in New York is still at large.

Comment:

Winchell is undoubtedly referring to the unidentified male who is alleged to have kidnapped [redacted] in New York City, reportedly at 4:55 a.m., November 13, 1953, and released her on Long Island about 9:10 a.m. the same day. Although the New York Office is following the case, no active investigation is being conducted because of a lack of jurisdiction.

Winchell said:

William Henry Taylor, described as Harry Dexter White's protege, will be heard in a very secret loyalty probe here in New York tomorrow morning.

Comment:

Taylor, Assistant Director, Middle East Department, International Monetary Fund [redacted]

Winchell is probably referring to a scheduled hearing before the United Nations Loyalty Board. SEE REVERSE

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Winchell said:

United Nations - the United Nations Secretary-General announced the other day that all subversives at the United Nations were fired and that the FBI had cleared all their replacements. The Jenner Committee will charge that seven American reds are still on the payroll.

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Comment:

Robert Morris, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee (Jenner Committee), advised Mr. Nichols on November 6, 1953, that the Committee was planning to call several United Nations employees as witnesses to counteract the above statements of the United Nations Secretary-General. It is anticipated that the witnesses will invoke the Fifth Amendment thereby suggesting the inaccuracy of the allegation. The names of several prospective witnesses were furnished Morris.

Winchell said:

Here's bad news. Chicago - three G-men were killed today in a crash on Highway 52 near Decorah, Iowa. They were Louis Ewing, Robert McMichael, Joseph Hughes.

Comment:

None.

Winchell said:

Mexico City - Michael ~~Samoyloff~~, the commercial attache of the Russian Embassy, is a top agent for the red drives in South America. He just returned from a secret meeting at the reds' fortress of Guatemala.

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Winchell said:

Senator McCarthy's Committee rebuffed by the Secretary of the Army the other day will return the compliment on the 24th in New York at a hearing. War Secretary Stephens told the press that McCarthy's Committee found no subversives at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. McCarthy will parade over 25 persons on November 24 who formerly worked at that radar base. The Senator said all of these people will refuse to answer and hide behind the Fifth Amendment.

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Comment:

Secretary Stephens was apparently misquoted since he actually said there was no espionage, not subversives, found at Fort Monmouth by McCarthy dealing with the period since the current administration was initiated. The FBI is being furnished the results of recent testimony in Executive Session of in excess of 56 witnesses before the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.. It is believed McCarthy will recall witnesses in public hearings for publicity purposes.

Winchell said:

The kidnapers of the Greenlease boy go to trial tomorrow. They've already pleaded guilty. The trial is mainly to let the jury decide their fate - life in prison or death in the gas chamber.

Comment:

The Greenlease kidnapers were scheduled to go on trial at 10:00 a.m., Central Standard Time, United States District Court, Kansas City, Missouri. They have entered guilty pleas.

Winchell said:

The New York Post last Friday announced that Mr. Eisenhower was the father of the Morgenthau Plan to starve Germany. It said that the general discussed it in the British camp overseas with red spy Harry Dexter White in August, 1944. This newspaper reprinted part of an article by a man named Fred Smith. This article appeared in 1947 in a magazine called the "United Nations World" which had no connection with the United Nations. This "United Nations World" magazine was edited by a man named Louis Dolivet. Dolivet cannot get back into the United States for allegedly being a Communist. Yesterday, however, the author of that article charged that his story had been distorted; that Eisenhower did not suggest the Morgenthau Plan; that White apparently did. In other words, Mr. Smith said somebody slanted the long ago story. At any rate lets debunk it all good right now. The Morgenthau Plan was introduced at the Quebec Conference by Mr. Morgenthau himself to Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill. My source is the book "Recent American Foreign Policy," page 282.

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Louis Dolivet, formerly President of the "United Nations World" [redacted], 319 East 44th Street, New York City, is a Roumanian and has been described as a Soviet agent, one of the leaders of a Communist Terrorist Movement in Central Europe. The Editorial Board of the publication has had numerous members with pro-Communist backgrounds. Smith was a member of the Editorial Board in 1947. Dolivet has been barred from the United States.

Winchell said:

Many newspapers reported that a Federal Grand Jury refused to indict Harry Dexter White as a Russian spy. The assumption by the readers is that Mr. White was innocent. Here is why the Grand Jury did not indict. The only evidence was Whittaker Chambers' statement and Chambers said he could not be sure that White carried a Party card. But the documented evidence that White was a Russian spy was not produced until November, 1948, six weeks after White was dead. Mr. and Mrs. United States. The following are some of the things the people have not yet been told about White and I doubt that Truman will mention them tomorrow night. This top red spy was first discovered by an intercept by British Intelligence. It happened right after Pearl Harbor. A special messenger flew from London with the information for Franklin D. Roosevelt. The evidence at that time was not conclusive but White was covered from then on. Oddly enough this spy, White, gave our country more secret news than he got because our intelligence departments were able to go after his contacts right into the Kremlin. We knew for example that Japan had requested Russia to arrange a peace for Japan as early as February, 1945, and that Russia did not communicate that peace offer to the United States. We found out by covering White that Alger Hiss was part of that spy ring. In fact, as certainly as White fooled Morgenthau, his boss, Hiss fooled General Marshal and Dean Acheson. Governor Byrnes knows all this but he hasn't said so. Governor Byrnes knows this because the file was handed to him by both the FBI and his own security officer, Joseph Panuch. Mr. Acheson, for example, was so completely fooled by Alger Hiss that Acheson

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fired Panuch from the State Department after Mr. Byrnes left that post because Panuch had accused Hiss, the traitor, his friend. Mr. Truman knew all about it because a deadly fight practically raged up and down the grand staircase of the White House. The Democrats could not have made any of this public at the time because White and the other traitors became political dynamite. If the people knew it they would have voted them all out in the 1948 elections. There can be no question of Truman's loyalty and no American suggests that his cabinet were Benedict Arnolds. The tragedy is that they were "Simple Simons" and "Rip Van Winkles."

Comment:

There is no information in FBI files indicating that White's activities were brought to the attention of President Roosevelt by the British just after Pearl Harbor nor that "our intelligence departments were able to go after his contacts right into the Kremlin."

Winchell said:

The next City College professor to be subpoenaed was one of the loudest defenders of the Rosenbergs at their funeral.

Comment:

The above information is not sufficient to permit identification of the subject.

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Mr. Nichols

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M. A. Jones

BOOK REVIEW - "The Secret Life of Walter Winchell"
by Lyle Stuart

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SYNOPSIS

This is a repulsive book written by a character who appears to scrounge in the gutter for nauseous detail. Lyle Stuart does a job on Winchell by using the tactics which Loventhal used in "The Federal Bureau of Investigation" and which the authors of "McCarthy - The Man, The Senator, The 'Isa'" also utilized. Fact is so obscured by innuendo and smear that one cannot tell where truth begins and ends. There are references to the Director and the FBI. One has to do with Winchell's meeting with Lepke. Another with an alleged incident in the Stork Club in which Winchell kept silent when someone urged that one Terry Riley, notorious gunman, and the Director (unaware of Riley's identity) pose for a picture. A third reference is to Winchell's alleged proposal that Mr. Hoover, "that cloak and dagger man," be considered a Presidential candidate for the Democrats. None of the references are complimentary. There are several casual references to the FBI. Bufiles indicate that the author was born Lionel Simon on August 11, 1922

Inducted into the U. S. Army in 1943, Stuart was honorably discharged as a corporal from Fort Dix, New Jersey, on November 29, 1944. Stuart is presently editor of the publication "Expose" which has been described in Bufiles as "anti-Catholic, anti-Jewish, anti-Religion and antieverything." An investigation was conducted in 1952 and 1953 to determine whether the newspaper [redacted] was engaged in any subversive activity. No information of a subversive nature was developed.

As the result of Stuart's publishing a letter written by the Director in answer to a query regarding investigation of school

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teachers, in the magazine "Expose" it was recommended that no further communication be had with Stuart. One issue of the magazine "Expose" attempted to tie the Bureau's investigation of Stuart into the controversy involving Dr. J. B. Matthews and Senator McCarthy's Committee. The book is a continuous smear of Winchell, his family and everything he has said or done. It portrays him as an intimate of mobsters, woman chaser, a wrecker of reputations and it accuses him of being for a long period of time, pro-Communist.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None. For information.

Mr. Nichols

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M. A. Jones

BOOK REVIEW - "The Secret Life of Walter Winchell"
by Lyle Stuart

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REFERENCES TO THE DIRECTOR AND THE FBI:

Pages 70 through 71:

This reference deals with Winchell's meeting with Lepke and the meeting thereafter with Director Hoover. Page 70 indicates that "In later years Winchell would meet J. Edgar Hoover during the trial of Bruno Hauptmann, the man convicted of kidnaping the Lindbergh baby. He developed a friendship with the FBI Director while maintaining his chummy relationship with the old-time mobsters."

Page 71 reflects that on the occasion of a Winchell visit to Chicago, he was "guarded by two cousins of Al Capone, the Fiaschetti brothers of recent Kefauver Committee fame. Two G-men were also part of his bodyguard at the same time . . . making for a unique and somewhat embarrassing situation for all.

"To this day, Hoover assures all callers that despite what people believe, Winchell has no pipeline to me or my office. He gets no information from me that isn't given to all other newspapermen at the same time."

"Hoover's 'friendship' with Winchell has caused Hoover occasional embarrassment.

"There was a night at the Stork Club when J. Edgar Hoover, King of the G-Men, was playing with a toy machine gun while Walter Winchell, King of the Columnists, looked on approvingly. Photographers took pictures.

"Terry Riley, a notorious gunman was also a Cub Room patron at the time.

"Winchell didn't open his mouth when somebody suggested Hoover and Riley pose for pictures together."

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"Riley showed reluctance. He became ill at ease, the more so as Hoover in a jovial mood encouraged him.

"It became obvious to Riley, as it must have been to Winchell, that Hoover didn't know who he was. He became more and more uncomfortable, refused to pose for the photographers and finally left the place.

"Riley was on parole at the time for extortion and impersonating an FBI man."

Page 123:

This reference to the Director was: "Winchell developed his friendship with FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, and seriously proposed that cloak and dagger man as a Presidential candidate for the Democrats."

Page 124:

In reference to Winchell, the author says "he was a friend of the President of the United States, of the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, of the top gang leaders in America."

Page 167:

Stuart refers to the FBI in the following paragraphs:

"If he wrote that twenty-two persons, many of them 'High Government officials' had been trapped by the FBI in a plot to spread false news in wartime, he could be forgiven. His theme was patriotism. (The FBI denied all knowledge of the coup. Army Intelligence told a Herald-Tribune reporter: 'Since Mr. Winchell is a Commodore of some sort, you'd better contact the Navy.' The Navy denied all knowledge of the story . . .)."

Page 170:

In a chapter in which Stuart is attempting to prove Winchell's past pro-Communist record, a reference is made to the FBI. This appears in a Winchell quotation from the Richmond

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Times Dispatch: "A typical example of Dies' technique was his charge in 1942 that 1,121 persons in the Federal services were guilty of subversive activity. The FBI accordingly spent \$100,000 investigating half those on the list. . . two dismissals and one disciplinary action were the total results."

THE AUTHOR - Lyle Stuart:

[REDACTED] reflects that the author was born Lionel Simon on August 11, 1922, at Brooklyn, New York.

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He was inducted into the U. S. Army in 1943, and was honorably discharged as a corporal from Fort Dix, New Jersey, on November 29, 1944. He had meanwhile had his name legally changed to Lyle Stuart effective March 6, 1944.

Stuart is married and as of September 9, 1953, resided at 1420 Twenty-sixth Street, North Bergen, New Jersey. He is editor of the publication "Expose" located at 55 West Forty-second Street, New York City. This magazine was previously published by Stuart Publications, Incorporated, in which the principals were Lyle Stuart, Mrs. Lyle Stuart and Joseph Whelan, Managing Editor. This sheet is presently published by "Expose" Incorporated. It has been described in Bufiles as a "rag sheet" which is "anti-Catholic, anti-Jewish, anti-Religion and antieverything." As a result of the type of material contained in "Expose" an investigation was conducted in 1952 and 1953 to determine whether the newspaper [REDACTED] was engaged in any subversive activity.

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During the course of this investigation, no information of a subversive nature was developed

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[REDACTED] also indicates that the December, 1951, issue of "Expose" carried an extremely derogatory article on Walter Winchell. This article incorporated the incident which allegedly took place at the Stork Club in New York in which Director Hoover reportedly played a part. The Director noted that the statement regarding the Club incident was entirely untrue.

On October 22, 1951, Stuart wrote the Director inquiring as to whether there was any truth to an alleged quotation by the Director that 75,000 parochial school teachers were investigated without any instance of subversive activity being found.

Stuart's source of the quotation appeared to be an article written in 1944 by Dr. John A. O'Brien of Notre Dame University in the "Ave Maria." Dr. O'Brien and the Director were both quoted. Both quotations were later erroneously attributed to the Director. By letter of November 1, 1951, Stuart was advised that the Director had not made such a statement (62-87760-48)

Immediately, thereafter, "Expose" carried a story headed "J. Edgar Hoover Explodes A Light About The FBI." A memorandum of M. A. Jones dated December 17, 1951, carried the recommendation that no communication be had with Stuart in the future in view of his, Stuart's scandal sheet operations and since he seems prone to quote statements of prominent people and had quoted the reply which the Bureau sent him on November 1, 1951. The Director noted on this memorandum "I concur."

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The August, 1953, issue of "Expose" carried an article captioned "FBI Investigates 'Expose' After J. B. Matthews Bites The Dust." In this article "Expose" attempts to tie the Bureau's investigation of Stuart into the controversy involving Dr. J. B. Matthews and McCarthy's Committee. This was not the case.

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The article also attempted to give the impression that the Agents conducting the interview requested by Stuart in the course of the investigation apologized for the investigation. The latter was absolutely untrue. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] indicates that Stuart was honorably discharged from the Army on November 29, 1944. [REDACTED]

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Bufile 100-7660-5972, page 28, the index of the Weekly Intelligence Report dated August 1, 1952, from the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, reflects the name Lyle Stuart and also the Stuart Publishing Company. [REDACTED]

BOOK REVIEW OF "THE SECRET LIFE OF WALTER WINCHELL":

The source of the material in this book would appear to be articles on Walter Winchell which were carried in "Expose" and the "New York Post."

The first page titled "Epilogue in Advance" reflects that the author was set upon by three men who attempted to beat him into unconsciousness with a blackjack and their fists. This attack occurred on August 11, 1953, a few days after the book was completed. The author notes that the beating was similar to two other such incidents involving a New York radio commentator who had been consistently critical of Walter Winchell.

The only possible inference which could be drawn by the reader is that Walter Winchell is the instigator of the attack on Stuart.

"The Secret Life of Walter Winchell" begins with a review of Winchell's alleged background. According to the author Winchell's father, "Jacob Laino, alias Jake Lipsky, alias Jacob Winchel, was a sex pervert who molested small girls." Winchell's home life was allegedly sordid and unhappy. His parents were

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divorced. The author indicates that Winchell's mother later committed suicide as Walter forbade her to visit her grandchildren.

Incident after sordid incident of Winchell's childhood is discussed. His entry into show business in his early teens, together with George Jessel and Jack Weiner is mentioned. The author indicates that Winchell got his first attack of "girl trouble" when at fourteen he moved in with a 17-year-old girl whom he met backstage at one of the theaters. Winchell's life as a vaudevillian is covered in an extremely derogatory manner as is his service in the Navy.

Winchell's marriage to Rita Green, a former partner of his former partner, George Jessel, is mentioned. This marriage broke up in 1920.

The author implies that the \$75 a week "living expenses" which he alleges Winchell pays his former wife is simply to keep her from publishing an "autobiography dealing mostly with her life with Winchell." In short, he infers blackmail, though he doesn't use the word. He gives a snide account of Winchell's beginnings as a columnist and of his second marriage to June Hayes Aster. This latter courtship, according to Stuart, "continued past where acquaintances said Winchell would cool off and be on another girl's chase."

"A few months later found them living in bliss. June had worn one wedding band and wasn't particularly anxious for another.

"In 1923 they were legally married.

"So began the marriage which soon leveled off into one of convenience."

In the next breath Stuart has Winchell helping one Gertrude "keep house" while his wife "kept house all by herself."

Stuart credits Fulton Oursler, "a prominent columnist of the 1920's" with responsibility for Winchell as the latter directed him to a spot on the "Graphic" where he became a gossip columnist. Stuart says "Bishop Fulton J. Sheen has never revealed whether Fulton Oursler, at his deathbed confession, apologized to his God for giving Winchell to the world."

In a chapter entitled "Winchell and the Law," the columnist is portrayed as "a sycophant who fawned upon the gang

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leaders, who flattered them with favorable mentions in his column, who tried in every conceivable manner to cajole some measure of friendship from them."

Winchell's move from the "Graphic" to the "Mirror" is discussed. His personal and professional feuds as a columnist are aired, always to his discredit. Winchell is always fear-stricken, cowardly, running; his adversaries, contemptuous of him. His neglect of his mother, it is implied, was the cause of her suicide. "The funeral is a quiet affair. Winchell doesn't attend."

One chapter is devoted to the inaccuracies in Winchell's column. The columnist is described as "fabulously successful in a worldly sense, abysmally unsuccessful as a human being."

Stuart says that Winchell's "news" is supplied to him daily by press agents. Much is not news. "Names were substituted for other names. Gags were lifted and given a twist. Facts were given so much "treatment" that they became fantasy."

One chapter is devoted to Winchell's ability to make or break people. "For fifteen years, when Winchell put someone on his 'drop dead' list, they were often better off dead." And, "Long before the age of the red-hunt, Winchell made guilt by association a crime."

"His real power (the broadcast and the column) combined with his mythical power (the mobs, the other important people he knew) made him a figure few men wished to tussle with."

In order to illustrate that Winchell's word was law at the Stark Club, Stuart describes an alleged incident in which Winchell threw pieces of bread on the floor while a waiter dutifully picked up each piece. When onlookers stared, Winchell threatened to have them "thrown the hell out of here."

In "The Political Winchell," Stuart gives his version of the columnist's entry into the political arena. Winchell was a Roosevelt man. Stuart adds that he became a merciless scourger and denancer of race hate in low places and high places. He was encouraged by "a clique of Communists who were at that time in high places in the Anti-Defamation League and also by Abraham Fastenberg who was assuming the name Arnold Forster and was also trying to assume command of the A.D.L."

With regard to one incident, page 160, Stuart remarks that "Winchell's girl friend of the moment was also known to be a Communist."

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Several pages are devoted to Winchell's approach to the world situation prior to Pearl Harbor. After that, as a Lieutenant Commander, "Winchell is making the highest sacrifice for the war effort," one of his critics wrote. "He is giving up olives in his martinis for the duration."

The chapter entitled "Quagmire" deals with Winchell's alleged pro-Communist activities. In 1953, Stuart says, Winchell admitted he had been "used" by the Communists on occasion. "It was during the second examination (1953 pre-trial libel suit examination) that pages and pages of pro-Communist material written by Walter Winchell was flung back at Walter Winchell."

The Martin Dies-Walter Winchell feud is described on page 169. Stuart credits J. B. Matthews with changing Winchell's attitude toward Communism. On page 205, Stuart calls Matthews "a national scandal" condemned by President Eisenhower.

Because the Hearst press cut large chunks from Winchell's column, Winchell, Stuart says, "gave full rein to his sentiments under a pseudonym." He wrote for PM, left-wing New York daily, according to Stuart, under the name "Paul Revere II."

The author says Winchell gradually drifted to the right, but he was consistent on the matter of unions. He was against them. And, "One year after World War II ended, he was crying for war with Russia."

"Amusingly enough, the Communist-lines were also able to snuggle even closer to him. One press agent who had worked diligently to elect Communist candidates to the New York City council, now fed Winchell make-believe items 'against' Communists. These always skirted actual Communists and damaged their arch-enemies, the liberals." (Page 174) Stuart has Winchell trying desperately to keep pace with the professional anti-Communists to prove that he was a 100 per cent loyal American; making a deal with Senator McCarthy to keep from being victim of a headline hunt; and using pre-McCarthy items, failing to rise to the defense of his "radio colleague," Drew Pearson. Worst of all in Stuart's opinion, "He has plugged McCarthy's favorite reading matter, a publication called Counterattack." This latter, Stuart says, "is filled with almost as many errors of fact as Winchell's own column."

The chapter entitled "Private Women" is devoted to Winchell's alleged extra-marital conquests, which, according to Stuart, are numerous. "He would have a girl rent a private

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apartment, only to abandon it (and her) after a month or two. Or he would sneak them into the St. Moritz by entering quietly through the servants' entrance on Fifty-Eighth Street."

A show girl from Texas, one Mary Lou Bently, was "Winchell's sweetheart during the height of his glory in the early forties." Jane Kean, of the Betty and Jane Kean sister act, is named as Winchell's most recent amour in detailed passages.

A chapter is devoted to Winchell and his daughter Walda, who is known as "Toni Eden" on the stage. Their allegedly "strange father-daughter relationship" is described. Winchell is charged with breaking up his daughter's first marriage and destroying her "friendship" with William Cahn. The latter is described as a "pleasant, ambitious young man." When Winchell found that his daughter was fond of Cahn, he "got the dirt." Cahn had pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor in 1935, and on another occasion had spent six days in a Florida jail. One charge was vagrancy, the other is not named. Winchell allegedly did everything to wreck Cahn's life. Stuart alleges that the columnist pulled a gun and threatened to kill his daughter on one occasion. Cahn urged her to return to her home. "Toni was adamant, and then confided to Bill other reasons, all logical, for not wanting to be left alone with her father."

Stuart gives a melodramatic description of what he infers was an attempt by Winchell to railroad his daughter Walda into a mental institution. He says that after Walda was released she resumed her friendship with Cahn, but after "nearly five years of keeping company, the pair finally did call it quits." Cahn married another woman in 1953, and when the threat that Cahn would maybe be his son-in-law was out, "Winchell took his revenge."

"Cahn's name was mentioned in the Jelke trial."

Winchell demanded that he be locked up, and consistently attacked Cahn thereafter.

Stuart says that the beginning of the end for Winchell dates to the night of October 16, 1951, and the Josephine Baker-Stork Club incident. He charges Winchell with being a hypocrite on the matter of race prejudice, and says that an anti-Negro joke in Winchell's column caused the editors of "Expose" (Stuart and one Joseph Thalen) to expose Winchell. (They even postponed an "Expose of J. E. Matthews" in order to carry the Winchell story.)

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Once the "Expose" story was out, the New York Post and other newspapers carried anti-Winchell stories getting much material from "Expose." After the Post series was in its fourth week, Winchell had a "heart attack."

Stuart states that Winchell is now finished, washed up. The president of American Broadcasting Company who had signed Winchell to a fabulous lifetime contract before the Josephine Baker incident, "listened to friends tell him that he had made a mistake."

Stuart is mildly critical (page 213) of the New York Post articles - "Frequently in its series, the 'Post' was as inaccurate as Winchell. At other times, it was as knowingly hypocritical."

Winchell's feuds with James Wechsler, the New York Post, Ed Sullivan, and disk jockey Barry Gray are aired. He was, says Stuart, feuding with the New York Times, his old editor Emile Gaudreau, the New York Post, Leonard Lyons, Earl Wilson, Ed Sullivan, Harry Truman, Drew Pearson, Elmer Davis, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Max Lowenthal, Bennett Cerf, and a hundred others.

"He had turned against the New Deal. He hated the Democrats. He opposed Adlai Stevenson, I..," etc.

With regard to the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund, Stuart says "(This fund was a promotional scheme administrated by a race track tout, an ex-bootlegger, and Winchell, among others. It has collected and spent seven million dollars and its contribution toward relief or cure of cancer is nil to date.)"

"(It was typical of Winchell that he failed to do what a healthy commentator with an interest in cancer research might have done with a multi-million audience. He could have appealed for public support for a giant Congressional appropriation for cancer research. This might have stepped up a solution to cancer by years. But Winchell's eye couldn't conceive of doing anything for anybody unless there was plenty for Winchell in it; in this case, publicity and control of the funds.)"

More space is devoted to the Jelke case (Page 230), Comedian Joey Adams, (divorced from Winchell's wife's sister), and political figures in connection with the case.

The final chapters entitled "Decline," "And Fall," and "Requiem" have to do with Winchell's alleged declining

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prestige and power in the newspaper and television fields.

"The scarecrow had begun to come apart. First a sleeve, then the shirt, then the straw filling."

The Washington Post, "a dignified newspaper," junked one out of three columns. Other papers, according to Stuart, dropped the Winchell column. The concluding note--Winchell is a failure doomed to the limbo of oblivion.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

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DATE: November 23, 1953

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- Harbo
- Tracy
- Gearty
- Mohr
- Winterrowd
- Tele. Room
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FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)
November 22, 1953

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Winchell said:

New York City. Senator McCarthy's rebuttal to Harry Truman next Tuesday night will surprise the Republicans most. McCarthy's radio-television blast will attack the Administration for coddling Reds and Pinks held over from the Truman Administration.

Comment:

None.

Winchell said:

New York City. Columbia University will be rocked with the news that Associate Professor Harry Grundfest invoked the fifth Amendment in a Government probe of the United States Army Signal Corps. Professor Grundfest was a top scientist at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

Comment:

Dr. Grundfest [redacted] resigned his position as a Senior Physiologist, Climatic Research Section, Fort Monmouth, December 23, 1944. [redacted]

Winchell said:

The President's most earnest wish is for the Congress to change the law so that Federal wire-tapping may be used against subversives. The President has told his intimate friends, "It is the only sure way we can break their backs."

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Comment:

There are several bills pending to permit wire-tap evidence to be used in espionage cases. While the President is not known to have expressed an official opinion, the above would be in line with recent comments by the Attorney General in favor of such legislation.

Winchell said:

Nutley, New Jersey. The Senate Investigating Committee Hearings on the Army Signal Corps will make brand new headlines next week. A top Communist, they will charge, worked at the radar lab in Nutley, New Jersey, during 1953. The man who got him the job years ago was the atomic spy, Julius Rosenberg.

Comment:

Winchell is believed to refer to [REDACTED] subject of a pending espionage investigation.

He has given Julius Rosenberg as a reference. [REDACTED] has been interviewed twice by the FBI. [REDACTED]

Winchell said:

The Jenner Committee is looking into the status of a certain Ambassador, a Republican.

Comment:

The above facts are insufficient to permit identification of the individual to whom Winchell refers.

Winchell said:

Byron Price, the American ace in the United Nations Secretariat, did not resign for the reasons given in the newspapers. Mr. Price could no longer

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tolerate the way American subversives are protected. He will make a very sensational announcement about January third.

Comment:

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Price [REDACTED] held the post of Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations.

Winchell said:

LaCross, Wisconsin. Evelyn Hartley is still missing. This is the baby sitter authorities believe was abducted and perhaps murdered by a lunatic. She was last seen by her parents four weeks ago. She would have been sixteen yesterday. The abduction evidence is her shoes and eyeglasses found in the room where she was baby sitting. If you have any information of Evelyn Hartley, notify the nearest cop.

Comment:

There has been no evidence to date which would place this case within the FBI's investigative jurisdiction. It is being followed through contact with the local police and the Hartley family.

Winchell said:

Lakeview, South Carolina. After an 18-month investigation the FBI arrested fourteen cowards charged with flogging a woman and her brother while hiding behind masks of the Ku Klux Klan. The stupidity of these bums was demonstrated when they transported their victims over a state line. That put their crime under the Lindberg law. These arrests debunk the bunk in some newspapers that the G-men have entered politics in support of American reactionaries. The FBI has proved that it is as opposed to the whites under a sheet in South Carolina as it is to the Harry Dexter White's posing under false colors in Washington, D. C.

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Comment:

Winchell is apparently referring to the case entitled, [REDACTED] was., et al." The arrests referred to occurred 11/16/53.

Winchell said:

Washington Post. The Velde Committee investigators are working on an H-bomb spy ring as dangerous as the Harry Dexter White gang. One of the Americans to be named by Velde works in the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C.

Comment:

[REDACTED] (c)

Winchell said:

The Professor at City College I recently mentioned by the initials J. B. was John Bridge. He resigned after getting a subpoena, as I said he would.

Comment:

In his broadcast of November 8, 1953, Winchell mentioned a J. B. who, he stated, "suddenly quit after getting a Government subpoena." As was mentioned in my memorandum to you of November 9, 1953, Bridge [REDACTED] had resigned Friday, November 6, 1953.

Winchell said:

The red underground in Pittsburgh has the jitters since the FBI arrested three of their leaders last November fourth. Others in Pittsburgh are planning to escape. It is too late.

R. [unclear]

O. [unclear]

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Comment:

Winchell refers, of course, to the Smith Act arrests of [redacted] and [redacted]. There has been no indication that other leaders in Pittsburgh "are planning to escape."

Winchell said:

Ottawa. The Canadian Government's refusal to permit Russian agent Gouzenko to come here to help the Jenner Investigating Committee may embarrass the famous Canadian holding it up. Senator Jenner may be forced to make public sworn testimony involving Canada's representative to the United Nations, Lester Pearson.

Comment:

[redacted] Pearson has held the position of President of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Winchell said:

The left wings blatant campaign is to oust J. Edgar Hoover and grab control of the FBI. The Communists have launched a drive to limit the term of Mr. Hoover to five years. If such a move succeeds G-man Hoover would be fired on his 30th anniversary next May.

Comment:

While it has long been the objective of the Communist Party and certain left wing elements to effect the removal of the Director, no such specific campaign as that mentioned by Winchell has come to the attention of the Bureau.

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FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)
November 29, 1953

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Winchell said:

The next headlines in the Harry Dexter White case will break on next Wednesday. William Ludwig Ullman was promoted despite the objection of the FBI.

Comment:

Ullman was employed in the Treasury Department as a principal Economic Analyst, Grade P-6, working under Harry Dexter White prior to Ullman's induction into the U. S. Army on October 12, 1942. He was released from active military duty as a Major effective November 23, 1945, to return to his treasury position at Grade P-7. He actually began work in the Treasury while on terminal leave from the Army October 14, 1945. Ullman resigned from the Government effective April 29, 1947. It is not immediately known whether he received a promotion between October 14, 1945, and April 29, 1947. The FBI, of course, has not made objections with reference to possible promotion of Ullman. However, he was mentioned in the memorandum arising out of Elizabeth Bentley's revelations which was directed to General Harry Vaughn dated November 8, 1945.

Winchell said:

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The Investigating Committee from Washington will link a prominent instructor from Cooper Union College in New York with the Julius Rosenberg spy ring. His initials are E. P.

Comment:

Winchell is apparently referring to [redacted] formerly employed at the Federal Telecommunication Laboratories, Nutley, New Jersey, who was at the time of the Rosenberg arrests in July, 1950, the boy friend of [redacted] a close associate of both Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. [redacted] subject of a pending FBI investigation, has since married [redacted]

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Winchell said:

Alger Hiss will be out of prison in one more year. He plans living in Mexico or Switzerland. He automatically gets the parole for good behavior. U

Comment:


The Hiss request for parole was rejected November 21, 1953. However, the matter will be considered again in November, 1954. With time off for good behavior, it is believed that he will be released at that time. U

Winchell said:

Igor Gouzenko, the ex-Russian Code Clerk in the Soviet Embassy at Ottawa, gave Canada and our Government the first news about red agents in Washington, as you all know. Gouzenko is now quoted by Canadian officials as saying that he has nothing new to tell us. Now this is very strange because Mr. Gouzenko was the original source and he can tell us at least the following three things: U

Who was the Secretary on the staff of Secretary of State Stettinius who Mr. Gouzenko said was a Soviet Agent? Was he Alger Hiss, or was he not Alger Hiss? Number two - the U. S. knows that the Russians planted a top secret agent during war-time in the office of Admiral Ernest King. (A memorandum dealing with this matter is currently being prepared for the Director.) Our Government also knows his name but we need Mr. Gouzenko, the source for that news, to say so under oath to make it stick. Number three - we also need him to help the FBI trap the red agents in our atomic set-up. U

Comment:


(5) The most logical suspect is, of course, Alger Hiss who occupied such a position. Neither the FBI nor the State Department has been able to identify this individual positively by name. As is mentioned above, a memorandum dealing with the subject matter of question two is currently being prepared. The third question needs no comment. X

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Winchell said:

Here is a very important and ironical fact in the Gouzenko case. He wrote a book after he broke from the Russians. He claimed a \$7,500. tax rebate in the manner of Eisenhower, Truman and the girl who wrote "Forever Amber," all of whom cleaned up hefty money on a neat tax trick. But Mr. Gouzenko was turned down by our tax department. The Treasury official who signed that turn-down letter was Harry Dexter White. When Gouzenko was shown the letter he denounced White as a red spy, which has since been proved. W

Comment:

The Bureau has not received information which would verify the accuracy of this allegation. However, an inquiry through liaison is being instituted regarding White's part in the alleged letter. W

Winchell said:

Attorney General Brownell's committee studying anti-trust laws will recommend that reasonable price fixing agreements be allowed. W

Comment:

The Attorney General's Committee to Study the Anti-Trust Laws is known to be analyzing the various problems in this field. The exact nature of their contemplated recommendations is not known by the Bureau. W

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